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Attorney Docket No. 53394.000516

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of : )  
Carol L. ERDMAN )  
Serial No.: 09/987,196 ) Group Art Unit: 3761  
Filed: November 13, 2001 ) Examiner: To Be Assigned  
For: ABSORBENT ARTICLE HAVING )  
ZONED AREAS OF HYDROPHILICITY )

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS**  
**OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION**  
**AND**  
**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Attention: Box Missing Parts  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the attached U.S. Patent and Trademark Office "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application" mailed November 28, 2001, Applicant submits herewith an executed Declaration for filing in the cited patent application, along with the required fee of \$130.00 for late filing of the Declaration. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that a filing date of November 13, 2001 be granted to this application.

Also enclosed is an executed Assignment document and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet.

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Applicants respectfully Petition for One-Month Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for responding to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application" mailed November 28, 2001, in the above-identified patent application. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time until February 28, 2002 be granted.

Enclosed is a check including:

Statutory basic filing fee	\$740.00
Late filing of Declaration	130.00
Additional Claims	744.00
Assignment	40.00
Extension of Time One-Month	<u>110.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$1,764.00</u>


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Respectfully submitted,

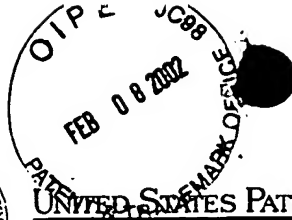
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).*
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$744.
  - \$576 for 32 total claims over 20.
  - \$168 for 2 independent claims over 3 .
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 1614.

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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